

PENTLAND CANOE CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 November 2006 at Ulbster Arms Hotel, Halkirk.

Present: K Nicol; I Stronach; E Stronach; G Stronach; C Stronach; D Borland; I Muir; E Rowan; I Borland; A Ford; N Speirs; J Speirs; S Copsey; E Cochrane

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Paul Stewart; C Lowther; K McDougall

2. Minutes of the 2005 AGM

The minutes had previously been sent out to members prior to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary. These were then approved by I Stronach and seconded by A Ford.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman report is attached:

4. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer presented her report (copy attached). As of 1 April 2006 the Cub had £4799.31 in the bank.

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary presented his report. In his report he highlighted

- Winter Events: There had been some trips had taken place on the R Thurso during the Winter of 2005/06, but these had been few due to low water levels.
- Summer Events: The weather had been very good during the year leading to a number of trips. Some were very busy. These included:
 - Caithness Cruise (East Coast – Berriedale/Lybster & Freswick to Gills). An organiser is needed for the 2007 cruise.
 - A couple of trips on the East coast
 - Trips on the North Coast
 - A joint trip with the Skye Club to Eilean Nan Ron> The Skye Club are keen for another joint trip.
- Grants had been received from the Caithness Sports Council to support various training courses and our thanks are recorded to them for their support.
- 2 Club members attended First Aid courses

- 3 members gained their Coach L2 Award and 2 attended a Coach L3 (Sea) training Course. 1 member attended a 5 star training course
- The pool sessions for 2006/07 have started and for the first time the Club is being given a 2 hour session
- The Club was represented on the Caithness Sports Council and the Pool Users Group
- The new equipment purchased during the year was worth about £3200 (2 sea kayaks (~£2000), 2 river kayaks (~£1000); VHF radio (~£200).
- He suggested that more club members should volunteer to be mock clients on SCA assessment courses. This was a good way to get free coaching.
- The proposed watersports centre being worked on by A Ford and S Copsey had the backing of the SCA and Glenmore Lodge.
- The secretary gave a brief update to the proposed changes to the BCU Coaching Scheme.

6. Election of Committee

POST	NAME	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairman	S Copsey A Ford	E Rowan S Copsey	K Nicol
Treasurer	I Stronach	E Rowan	S Copsey / G Stronach
Secretary	K Nicol	E Rowan	S Copsey / G Stronach
1. Youth Rep	C Stronach	S Copsey	G Stronach
2. Member	I Borland	G Stronach	S Copsey
3. Member	I Muir	K Nicol	G Stronach
4. Member	A Ford	K Nicol	G Stronach
5. Member	E Rowan	K Nicol	G Stronach

- A Ford decline to stand for the post of Chairman.

As regular paddlers, it was agreed that the following be co-opted onto the Committee:

- Paul Stewart
- Nancy Speirs
- Caz Lowther

7. Membership Fees

The Committee proposed that there should be no change in the membership fees for 2007:

- Adult £20.00
- Family £30.00
- Youth £15.00
- Associate £10.00

8. Awards

- a) **Broken Paddle**

The Broken paddle Award nominations

- Ivor Muir for locking the keys to his car in the car when on a kayaking trip to Scourie. After numerous attempts to break in the rear window was finally removed in one piece
- K Nicol for nudging a canoe trailer
- Simon Copsey for loosing his paddle on the river Thurso. It was found perfectly parked on a rock. The paddle was retrieved only to be broken a couple of trips later!

The award was given to S Copsey in the true spirit of the award

b) **Improver**

The recipient for the award had previously been agreed by the Coaching Scheme Members and was presented to Caz Lowther

c) **Sea Voyager**

The nominations for this award were

Andy Ford for his active leadership over the last 12 months including a trip to Skye, a trip on the east coast and one on the North Coast

K Nicol: Scourie Trip

The Award was given to Andy Ford

9. **AOCB**

- K Nicol proposed the following sea paddling trips for Summer 2007
 - Scottish Sea Kayak Symposium
 - Loch Braccadale (Skye)
 - Sound of Luing
 - Scourie
 - Summer Isles
- KN suggested that the Club may need to look at fund raising. This was noted by those present.
- A discussion took place on the pool sessions. It was noted that now all charges were being collected by the Highland Council, the Club was missing out on raising funds for wear and tear on equipment. This was especially true of people trying the sport and do not join the Club. I Muir suggested that a £1 charge should be levied to all. A discussion took place on this. Those present agreed to the suggestion. It was further suggested that those who only coach should not pay the charge.



Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2006

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Balance b/f	4,744.65	CDSC	50.00
Subscriptions	408.00	SCA	35.00
Pool	0.00	Pool Hire	0.00
Boat Storage	20.00	Equipment - Club	1113.87
Equipment - Hire	188.00	Insurance Beach Hut ***	386.93
Grants - Training	530.00	Coaching	180.00
Equipment	700.00		
Training		Training	
First Aid Course	310.00	First Aid Course	424.00
L2 Courses	202.50	L2 courses	195.85
Personal Equipment	50.00	Personal Equipment	50.00
Refund CDSC Fees	30.00	Engraving	21.00
		Website	15.00
Interest	87.81	Cheques - in hand	0.00
		Bank	4799.31
	<u>7,270.96</u>		<u>7,270.96</u>

Isobel Stronach

**Isobel Stronach
Treasurer**

